



Advent

Evening Prayer

December 17, 2025

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Music for Meditation and Prayer

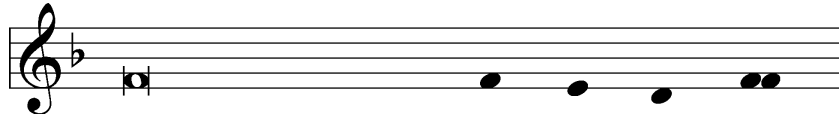
The Service of Light

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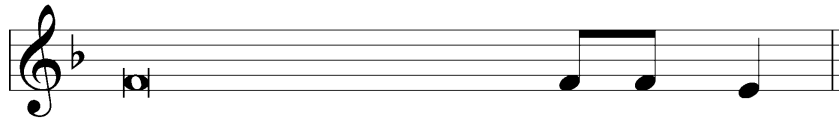
The congregation shall rise at Pastor's invitation and turn to face the processional cross.

The liturgy of the Service of Light shall be intoned responsively.

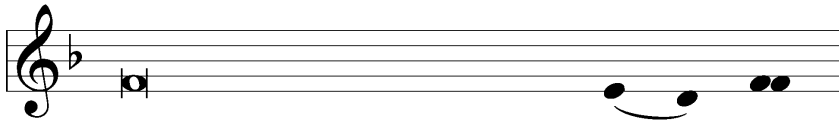
[L] In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it. (St. John 1:1-5)



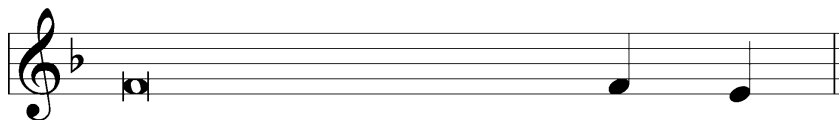
[L] Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,



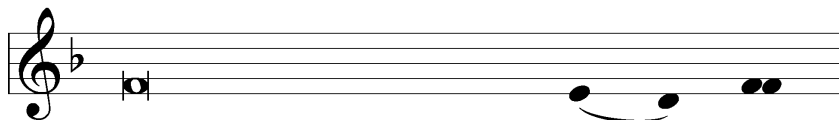
[C] the light no darkness can o - ver - come.



[L] Stay with us, Lord, for it is eve - ning,



[C] and the day is almost o - ver.

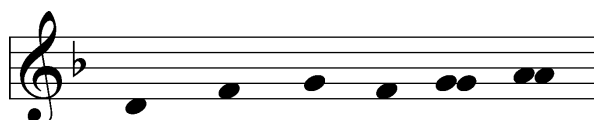


[L] Let Your light scatter the dark - ness



[C] and il - lu - mine Your Church.

Phos Hilaron



[L] Joy - ous light of glo - ry:

of the im-mor-tal Fa-ther; heav-en-ly, ho-ly,
 bless-ed Je-sus Christ. We have come to the
 set-ting of the sun, and we look to the eve-ning light.
 We sing to God, the Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Spir-it:
 You are wor-thy of be-ing praised with pure voic-es for-
 ev-er. O Son of God, O Giv-er of life:
 the u-ni-verse pro-claims Your glo-ry.

Thanksgiving for Light

Blessèd are You, O Lord our God, king of the u-ni-verse,
 who led Your people Israel by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of
 fire by night. Enlighten our darkness by the light of Your Christ;
 may His Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path;

for You are mer - ci - ful, and You love Your whole cre - a - tion

and we, Your creatures, glo - ri - fy You, Father, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it.

C A - men.

(Be Seated)

Psalm 141

C Let my prayer rise be - fore You as in - cense,

the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

O Lord, I call to You; come to me quick - ly; hear my voice

when I cry to You. Let my prayer rise be - fore You as in - cense,

the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

Set a watch be - fore my mouth, O Lord, and guard the door of my lips.

Let not my heart in - cline to an - y e - vil thing;



let me not be oc-cu-pied in wick-ed-ness with e-vil-do-ers.

But my eyes are turned to You, O God; in You I take ref-uge.

Strip me not of my life. Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and

to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it; as it was in

the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A-men.

Let my prayer rise be-fore You as in-cense,

the lift-ing up of my hands as the eve-ning sac-ri-fice.

Psalm Prayer

P

Let us pray.

Let the incense of our repentant prayer ascend before You, O Lord, and let Your loving-kindness descend on us that, with purified minds, we may sing Your praises with the Church on earth and the whole heavenly host and may glorify You forever.

C

Amen.

Psalm 85:1-9

(Intoned by Pastor, with Congregation joining on the Gloria Patri)

Surely his salvation is near to those who | fear him,*
that glory may dwell | in our land.
Lord, you were favorable | to your land;*
you restored the fortunes of | Jacob.
You forgave the iniquity of your | people;*
you covered | all their sin.
Restore us again, O God of our sal- | vation,*
and put away your indignation | toward us!
Will you not revive | us again,*
that your people may re- | joice in you?
Show us your steadfast love, | O Lord,*
and grant us your sal- | vation.
Let me hear what God the | Lord will speak,*
for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not turn back to | folly.
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
Surely his salvation is near to those who | fear him,*
that glory may dwell | in our land.

Office Hymn

Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord

Text: Heinrich Held; Tune: "Non Komm, Der Heiden Heiland"; LSB #352 sts. 1-2, 5-6 © 2006 CPH



1 Let the earth now praise the Lord, Who has tru - ly
2 What the Fa - thers most de - sired, What the proph - ets'
5 Bruise for me the ser - pent's head That, set free from
6 Then when You will come a - gain As the glo - rious



kept His word And at last to us did send
heart in - spired, What they longed for man - y a year,
doubt and dread, I may cling to You in faith,
king to reign, I with joy will see Your face,



Christ, the sin - ner's help and friend.
Stands ful - filled in glo - ry here.
Safe - ly kept through life and death.
Free - ly ran - somed by Your grace.

Readings from Holy Scripture

Isaiah 7:10–15

P A reading from Isaiah, chapter 7.

[10] Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, [11] “Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.” [12] But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test.” [13] And he said, “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? [14] Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. [15] He shall eat curds and honey when he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C *Thanks be to God.*

(Stand)

Luke 1:26–38

L A reading from Luke, chapter 1.

[26] In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, [27] to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin’s name was Mary. [28] And he came to her and said, “Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!” [29] But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. [30] And the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. [31] And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. [32] He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, [33] and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.” [34] And Mary said to the angel, “How will this be, since I am a virgin?” [35] And the angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. [36] And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. [37] For nothing will be impossible with God.” [38] And Mary said, “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C *Thanks be to God.*

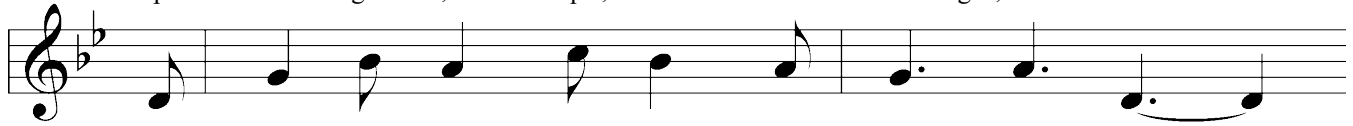
P In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.

C *But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.*

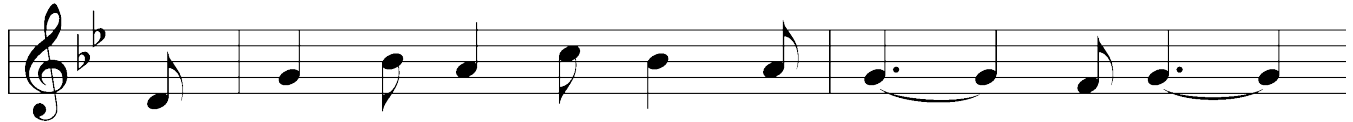
Sermon Hymn

The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

Text: para. Sabine Baring-Gould; Tune: Basque, c. 18th cent. – “Gabriel’s Message”; LSB #356 © 2006 CPH



1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from heav - en came,
2 “For know a bless - ed moth - er thou shalt be,
3 Then gen - tle Mar - y meek - ly bowed her head;
4 Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born



With wings as drift - ed snow, with eyes as flame:
All gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee;
“To me be as it pleas - eth God,” she said.
In Beth - le - hem all on a Christ - mas morn,



“All hail to thee, O low - ly maid - en Mar - y,
Thy son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,
“My soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy God’s ho - ly name.”
And Chris - tian folk through-out the world will ev - er say:



Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy.” Glo - ri - a!
Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy.” Glo - ri - a!
Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy, Glo - ri - a!
“Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy.” Glo - ri - a!

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(Stand for the Text)

Sermon

Text: Luke 1:26-38

“Favor with God”

(Stand)

Votum

Offering Prayer

(Be Seated)

Offering Voluntary

Come, Jesus, Prince of Peace

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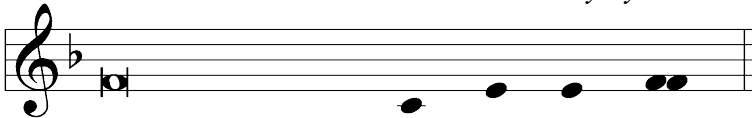
Laudate Choir with August Baughman, French horn

*Come, O come, Emmanuel, come to us and stay. Come, O come, Emmanuel, could this be the day?
Jesus, Prince of Peace, hope of all the earth; come, O come, Emmanuel, we await Your birth.
Come, O come, Emmanuel, joy of heav'n come down. Come, O come, Emmanuel, King without a crown.
Jesus, Prince of Peace, come to guide our way; come, O come, Emmanuel, live in us today.
Come, O come, Emmanuel, Branch of Jesse's tree. Come, O come, Emmanuel, set Your children free.
Jesus, Prince of Peace, gentle as a dove; come, O come, Emmanuel, Messenger of love.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel! Come, O come, Emmanuel, we await Your birth.*

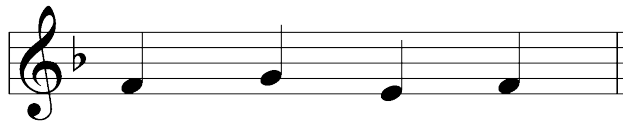
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Litany

The congregation's response may begin just as the leader's petition ends so that the word "Lord" is sung simultaneously by both leader and congregation.



L In peace let us pray to the Lord:



C Lord, have mer - cy.

L For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

C *Lord, have mercy.*

L For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord:

C *Lord, have mercy.*

L For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:

C *Lord, have mercy.*

L For [names of synodical and district presidents], for all pastors in Christ, for all servants of the Church, and for all the people, let us pray to the Lord:

C *Lord, have mercy.*

L For [*name of president or monarch*], for all public servants, for the government and those who protect us, that they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord:

C *Lord, have mercy.*

L For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord:

C *Lord, have mercy.*

L For those who bring offerings, those who do good works in this congregation, those who toil, those who sing, and all the people here present who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord:

C *Lord, have mercy.*

L For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord:

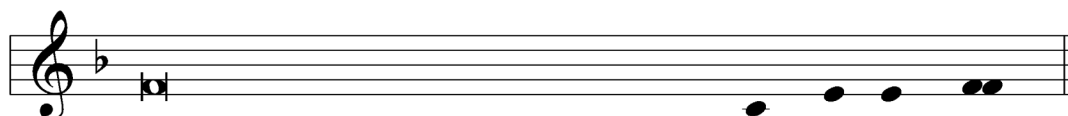
C *Lord, have mercy.*

L For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord:

C *Lord, have mercy.*

L For . . . [*additional bids for prayer may be inserted here*] . . . let us pray to the Lord:

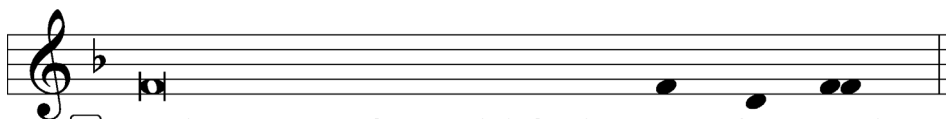
C *Lord, have mercy.*



L For the faithful who have gone before us and are with Christ, let us give thanks to the Lord:

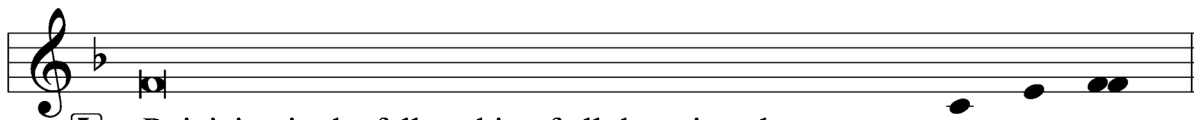


C Al - le - lu - ia.



L Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.

Silence for individual prayer may follow.



L Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ, our Lord:



C To You, O Lord.

Collect for Peace

- L** O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

The Lord's Prayer

- P** Taught by our Lord and trusting in His promises, we are bold to pray:
- C** *Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.*

Benedicamus

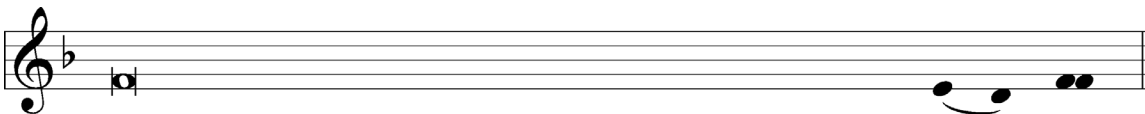


L Let us bless the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

Benediction



P The almighty and merciful Lord,
the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and pre - serve you.



C A - men.

Closing Hymn

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

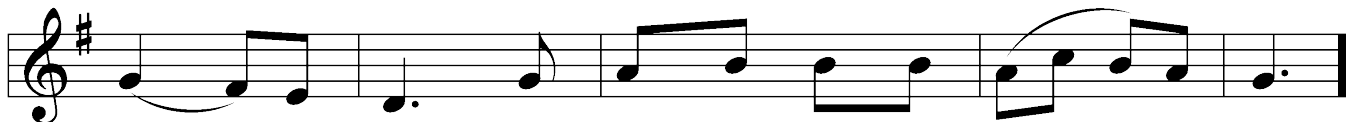
Text: Latin, c. 12th cent.; Tune: French, 15th cent. – “Veni Emmanuel”; LSB #357 sts. 1-4 © 2006 CPH



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som
2 O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, Who or - d'rest
3 O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who to Thy
4 O come, Thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, Free them from

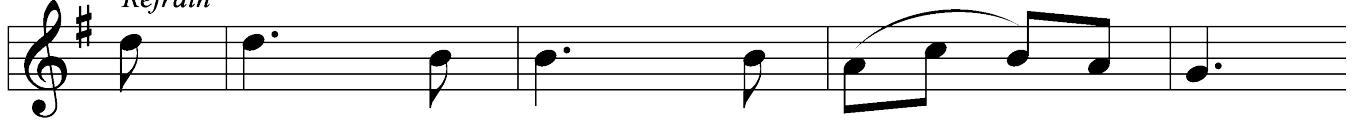


cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly
all things might - i - ly; To us the path of
tribes on Si - nai's height In an - cient times didst
Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny That trust Thy might - y

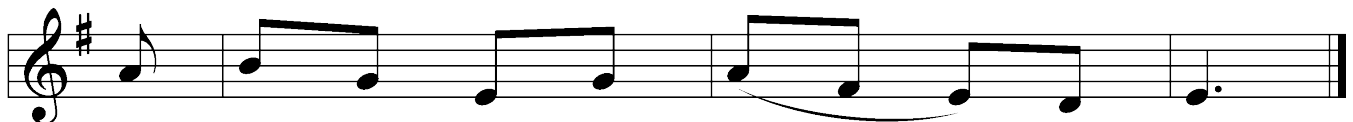


ex - ile here Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
knowl - edge show, And teach us in her ways to go.
give the Law In cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.
pow'r to save, And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.

Refrain



Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el



Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

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Chimes and Silent Prayer

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